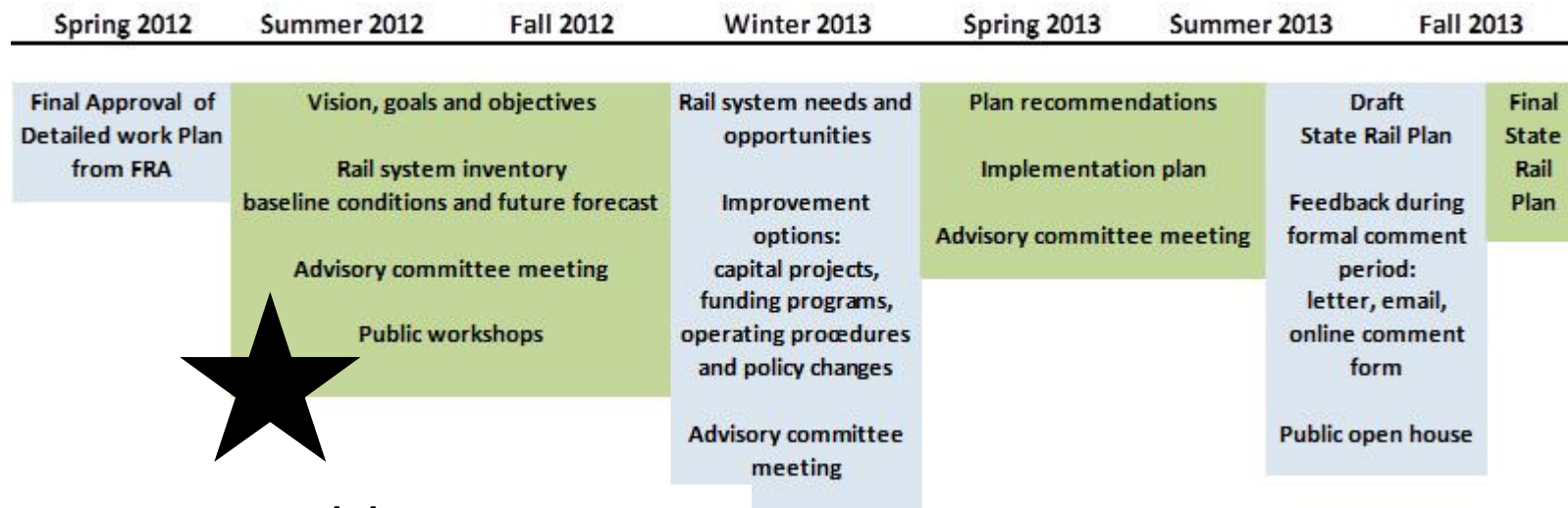




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Plan timeline



**Workshops:
October/November 2012**



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Draft plan development

Timing	Work products	How will WSDOT use the information?	Opportunities for public participation
Winter 2013	Vision, goals and objectives	These elements communicate values and priorities. We will translate the vision, goals and objectives into evaluation criteria that will help identify and prioritize plan recommendations.	Project information available on our website and via email updates. Written comments (letter, email) are always welcome. Feedback will be incorporated into technical reports, which will serve as the building blocks of the state rail plan.
	Baseline conditions and future forecasts	We will use this information to define rail transportation system strengths and challenges.	
Spring 2013	Needs and opportunities	We will define the set of problems and demands that will be the focus of plan recommendations.	There will be one advisory committee meeting in the winter and another in the spring. Project briefings available by request.
	Improvement options	We will identify and evaluate capital projects, funding programs, operational improvements and policy changes to address system needs and opportunities.	

Draft and final plan

Timing	Work products	How will WSDOT use the information?	Opportunities for public participation
Summer/ Fall 2013	Draft rail plan, including implementation plan	We will summarize the results of the planning process and identify recommended priorities to achieve vision, goals and objectives. Recommendations may include capital projects, funding programs, operational improvements or policy changes.	The draft plan will be revised in response to comments prior to final publication.
December 2013	Publish final Washington State Rail Plan	Plan recommendations will inform our work program. Findings will be incorporated into the Washington Freight Mobility Plan.	There are lots of ways to stay in touch with the rail program after completion of the state plan, including website, email list serve, program briefings.